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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MASS, SA, LE

SUBJECT: U.S. ARMS FOR LEBANON

REF JIDDA 407

1. IN THE ABSENCE OF PRINCE SULTAN, THE AMBASSADOR ON JAN 27 DISCUSSED WITH PRINCE TURKI THE POSSIBILITY OF SAUDI ARABIA PURCHASING ARMS FOR LEBANON. THE AMBASSADOR SAID WE WOULD BE WILLING TO DISCUSS WITH THEM ANY PROPOSALS THEY MIGHT HAVE FOR AIDING LEBANON, BUT WE OF COURSE WOULD MAKE NO COMMITMENTS UNTIL WE SAW WHAT THE REQUEST WOULD BE.

2. TURKI SAID THAT THE SAUDI MILITARY MISSION HAD NOT YET RETURNED FROM LEBANON BUT WAS EXPECTED BACK IN A FEW DAYS. HIS PRELIMINARY INFORMATION INDICATED THAT LEBANON NEEDED URGENTLY ANTI-TANK AND ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS. THERE WOULD ALSO BE A FEW OTHER ITEMS.

3. TURKI SAID THAT WHEN THE TEAM RETURNED IT WOULD DISCUSS WITH THE EMBASSY REQUESTS WHICH THE SAUDIS THINK THEY MIGHT PROPERLY PAY FOR.

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THE SAUDIS WILL THEN ASK US WHICH, IF ANY, THE

UNITED STATES WOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE, AND WHAT  
THE DELIVERY TIMES WOULD BE.  
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